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TO FIGHT COMBINE

ZINC AND LEAD MINE OWNERS FORM AN ORGANIZATION.

OBJECT TO PRICE CUTTING

MINERS CLAIM SUPPLY AND DEMAND months ago and 1 at once instituted an investigation into the matter of sending

Say Ore Prices Are Fixed Arbitrarily by Smelters-Their Grievances Set Forth in an Address-Proposed Changes in Mining Laws.

JOPLIN, MO., Dec. IL-(Special) The mine owners of the Missouri-Kansus zinc and lead mining district organized a mutual protective association here to-day Representative mining men from all parts of the district were present and expressed their determination to make a strong resistance to unwarranted cutting of the prices of zine ore by what they denomi-nate "the smelter combine." An address was prepared and adopted setting force the mine owners' grievances. The address

During the past few years, mine operators have seen and felt the necessity of a permanent and united organization in order to protect and promote their interests and to secure for themselves a just and equitable price for their product. In the earlief days of gine mining, when the largers were independent of combination the mine operators were satisfied to allow the law of supply and demand to establish the price of ore. They are yet satisfied and content that an intrestricted law of supply and demand shall establish the market price, as in other products of the earth But it is well recognized in the minth community that such a rule does not prowall, that prices are fixed arbitrarily, totally regardless of the law of supply and demand. The smelters have perfected at organization among themselves and tox prices on our products to suit their own peculiar whims and fancies, entirely regardless of the district output and value of spelter in the markets of the world. It has become a fixed maxim in the district that the price of spelter affects not the price of jack, and the jack buyer him-self makes no pretense of impugning the truth of this maxim. Jack is down when spelter is up and spelter is down when jack

been the unwilling victims of an arbitrary cut of \$9 per ton in the value of oce, and but 25 cents per 100 in the value of spelter in other words, a depreciation of nearly 2 per cent in the value of ore and 5 per cen in the value of speiter. This cut of \$9 pe ton is a loss to the mining community of \$45,000 per week. Such a condition of affairs is a direct menace to the mining operators and to the community at large. To cour teract its influence, organization among the operators seems an absolute necessity. Such an organization should command the fullest co-operation of every operator in the district and the full sympathy of the community whose interests are so vitally affected.

We recognize the fact that the smelters have rights to be respected, in that they shall receive a fair price for every ton of ore treated by them. As to the method of fixing the price of ore, we believe it can only be adjusted by a payment for the ore, based upon its assay value, governed by the true metal value in the broadest

"As to the best plan of carrying out the purposes of the organization, your commit-tee would propose that enrollment lists be made up in the following form: 'We, the undersigned, producers of zinc orc, do hereby associate ourselves together under

undersigned, producers of zinc ore, do hereby associate ourselves together under the name of the Missouri and Kansas Zirc Mineral Association, and we agree to abide by, and conform to, the rules and regulations of said association.

Ex-Mayor E. D. Porter, of Joplin, was elected president of the association, and the following vice presidents were elected: Oronoga, Charles Reed, Webb City, J. C. Stewart; Carterville, W. E. Patten, Joplin, John R. Hoimes, Central City, P. H. Leddy, Galenn, W. W. Hinff; Carthinge, A. O. Ihlseng, Belleville, Thomas Adams; Duenweg, H. U. Dale; Spring City, J. W. Allen; Hell's Neck, J. B. Daniels; Alba, J. H. Bremerman, Lehigh, George W. Layne, Empire City, James Marphy; Aurora, S. H. Menor; Wentworth, H. Gross; Stott's City, J. B. Devis; Granby John Kingston, Hugh Meindoe, of Joplin, was elected secretary, and John Mardock, of Galena, treasurer.

State Mine Inspector George E. Quinby is having a bill prepared, to be introduced in the legislature, for better mining laws for the lead and zinc miners. It provides for separating the mining bireau from the leads and zinc miners. It provides for separating the mining bireau from the leads and zinc miners, it provides for between and reports to mine, and make regular reports to the mine inspector. It requires all mines to the substant problems, and of firse in sinking shafts, requiring all whots in shafts to be fired by electricity. The bill also authorizes the stote mine inspector to call upon county aftorneys for advise and assistance, whenever needed, spector to call agon county attorneys for advice and assistance, whenever needed, Inspector Quinty Says the present state laws are a detriment to lead and zinc mining, and should be amended.

SENOR SAGASTA VERY ILL.

Condition of the Spanish Premier Causes Grave Anxiety-He Has Bronchial Pnenmonia.

MADRID, Dec. 31.-The condition of Senor Sagasta, the premier, now causes grave anxiety. Six physicians were in consultation this afternoon regarding his case, and curred that he is suffering from bronchial pneumonia, with high temperature ord an unfavorable absence of expectora-

The newspapers express great sympathy There is no doubt that his illness is agacre is no doubt that his times is a stated by the strain of recent event oneen regent, twice during the darking the strain of the darking elephoned inquiries as to his condition and this evening sent her own physician t The list of callers at the premier's resilettee includes all the foreign diplomats and a host of other distinguished persons. Senor Grotzard, minister of justice, is

SPORTS GOING TO HAVANA.

Jim Corbett, But Masterson, Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday to Go Into Business There.

announcement that Jim Corbett will open a saloon here comes the news that Bar Masterson, Wyatt Earp, of Tombstone, A. T. "Doe" Holliday Ed Casey, "the kid," of Shaguay, Alaska, and "Doe" Brown, of Spokane, are coming to Havana

K. S. A. C. Alumni Reunion.

MANHATTAN, KAS., Dec. El.—(Special) will E. Smith, president of the Alumni psociation, amounces that the regular ar-mul reunion of the members of the State Cachers' Association who are alumni of the agricultural college, will be held in the pariors of the Copeland hotel, Topeka, on

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—Joseph D. Penrson, the man who created a disturbance by throwing missiles through the plate glass windows of the British embassy and was sent to the insane asylum, escaped from that institution to-day. The police to-night located the man in an alley, but he sluded their vigilance and is still at large.

MILES TO INVESTIGATE.

Says He Will Hold a Post Mortem of the "Embalmed Beef" He Told About.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. Miles returned to Washington to-slay, after being the guest of honor here last night at the New England banquet. The Commercial-Tribine to-day has the following interview with him;

When asked as to the investigation into the beef ration scandal he is now making. to which he referred in his testimony on Wednesday, General Miles said:

"My suspicious were aroused several investigation into the matter of sensing teef to the army in the West Indies. The item in my testimony of Westnesday relating to 27 tons of refrigerator beef and 195,000 points of cannel fresh beef, which results to the control of was unfit for food, is only one item. This quantity was sent to one town in Porto Rico alone. How much more was sent to "How about the beet supply for the army

It was just as bad. The conditions there were no better than they were in Porto Rico, as I indicated in my testimony." "How about rations before the army em-barked? Was the supply no better before the transports sailed than after the army

"It was the same at Tampa and the same at Jacksonville," "Will you give a little more light on what you meant by the assertion in your estimony before the war commission yes-

erday?" General Miles suggested that the food was cent to life large army under protense of an experiment.

"I think," continued General Miles, "that that sentence is sufficiently plain, "Pretense," he said, "is the precise term. to be used. It is absurd to pretend that these enormous quantities of beef were sent to an entire army simply as an ex-periment. To expect that beef can be ex-

posed to the tropical sun for sixty hours without mortifying is out of the question." "How about the chemicals used in pre-paring this beef?" "As I stated in my testimony, I believe that the action of these chemicals was largely responsible for the sickness in the

largely responsible for the suckness in the army. I have medical authority for this statement and I believe it to be true."

"How far along has your own investigation into this subject progressed?"

"It began several months ago. I have the testimony of a large number of officers and men upon this matter, some of which I gave in my testimony before the commission yesterday. My inquiry is still in progress and some of the most important information I have received has been acquired in the last few days.

"What channel will this investigation take upon its conclusion?"
"I will not discuss that. It is my duty to investigate any wrong existing in the regular military mainer. The work is not complete yet and intil it is done I have nothing to add to the statement. If made before the war commission yesterday."

What was the matter with the tents?" "There were not enough of them, they were not suited to stand the wear and some of them were poot."

POPE LEO COMPLAINS.

Says the Ontlook for the Catholic Church in Italy Is Not

ROME, Dec. 24.—The pope to-day, at the ception of the Christmas greetings of the ardinals and other prelates, appeared to e in excellent health. Replying to their ongratulations, he referred to the "sinister vents of 1898," and said it was high time he governments of Europe united to stop unheard of outrages and savage exterminations. But." the possiff added, "this

"unheard of outrages and savage exterminations. But," the pentiff added, "this could not be stopped until the fear of God, the basis of all morality, is revived in the outselves of the people and becomes the guiding principle of the organization of states."

In regard to the present position of the church in Italy, the pope pointed out that the symptoms were not reassuring for the new year. He added that the conditions imposed upon the head of the church in violation of his dignity and rights "were not enough, for now it was sought to cast odium upon the press which openly expoused the defense of his interests and the interests of religion and morality."

Containing, the poniff remarked: "Further rigors threaten the civrgy, although they are the class the furthest removed from seditious designs. The obedience of the clergy to the apostolic see, whose right they defended and whose intentions they seconded, is now being construed as a political offense. Nevertheless, imbued with the sense of their high mission and duty, the clergy will not yield, either to flatteries or menuces, and their firmness is finding response in numerous laymen deeply imbued with love for the papacy. It is thus, by the co-operation of the clergy and laity, that the salvation of coming generations is assured."

MEDAL FOR M'KINLEY.

Santingo Officials Send It. With This Message: "A People Never Forgets Its Benefactors."

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, Dec. 21-Senor Bacardo, the mayor of Santiago, accompaned by the city council, visited General Wood, the military governor, to-day, to present him with an old Spanish medal of honor, of embossed gold, with a chain, and a parchiment scroll containing the

words:
"To make one s self beloved of the people in difficult moments is the lest of victor-The deputation requested General Wood

McKiniey with a scroll containing the declaration. "A people never forgets its

benefactors.

General Wood, replying is a few appropriate words of thanks, promised to forward the president's medel and screll to Washington, assuring the mayor and councilmen that he was confident Mr. McKinley would be gratified to receive them.

TWO STEAMERS COLLIDE. One Man Killed and Another Badly Injured in a New York Har-

NEW YORK, Dec. 21-One man was instantly killed and another seriously if not fatally injured in a collision which occurred off Liberty Island to-day between the freight steamer Idaho, of the Wilson line, and the tramp steamer Flower Gate. The the Idaho and were asleep at the time the accident. The sisoning quarters of crew are forward, which accounts for had his collar bone broken on the right side, and the left shoulder torm out, and may not recover.

SUNNY SLOPE SOLD.

HAVANA, Dec. 25.-On the heels of the Famous Breeding Farm of the Late C. S. Cross Bought by C.

A. Stannard. EMPORIA, KAS Dec. 21 - (Special.) Sunny Slope farm, the Hereford stock farm which formerly belonged to C.S. Cross, brown, of Spokane, are coming to Havana to engage in various enterprises.

Judging from appearances, the early history of the Western towns of America will be repeated in Havana.

Gambling bouses will be opened everywhere. It is a poor building in the business district which has not bids on it for a location for an American bar. That seems to be the idea among the sporting fraterity—that Havana will be made on. This will make the largest Hereford farm other Monte Carlo, to endure through the reconstruction period at least.

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Professor Kirk Will Accept.

MI-General II IS THE SAME OLD STORY OF UN-PRECEDENTED ACTIVITY.

BUSINESS BOOMS IN ALL LINFS

FOREIGN DEMAND FOR CEREALS CONTINUES UNABATED.

Are Redeeming Themselves-Payments Through Clearing Houses Enormous-The Iron Trade.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23-Bradstreet's to-morrow will say: "Current business condions furnish some sharp contrasts to these snally looked for or reported at this seaie to look for exceptional activity in y and retail trade generally at this and in this respect the most sanectations appear to have been Probably never before at this mowner was the course of general plative activity is no longer confined indo-wheat and-corn among the cereals. of business in fron and steel seems ofton goods and raw wood, are disng on activity and strength which ould have been welcomed at any time of staples alike furnish examples of ag-

a sympathetic rise is to be discerned.

"The foreign demand for cereals constitues unabletal, any slight reaction in price being taken advantage of by foreign objects. Wheat closes the Werk with questions well up to the highest paid this autumn, and short sellers of December delivery are reaping the tenefit of indiscreet speculation. The strength of wheat has been enhanced by sympathy with the growing speculative intrest in corn, for which the highest price paid for three years past has been recorded. Speculation in corner and copper stocks has received an impetus this week from rumors of a combination to control the American production, Cotton displays notable strength and the market for the manufactured product is very firm at the recent advances.

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SAN AND AL WIN TO THE CONTROL OF THE CONTRO

and there is a feeling that, with unreasonable accumulation of print cloths out of the way, there is a brighter prespect for all goods.

Sales of wool have been large, 27,56 190 pounds, against 27,15,290 pounds last year and 21,56 200 pounds in the same week of 1822 with small as well as large manufacturers baying very freely, which indicates a general improvement in the demand for goods, although rut enough as yet to lift prices.

The story of the iron manufacture is like a dream. With 25,000 tons of Hessenic pig sold at Pitt burg for \$6.00 and gray forge at \$5.00 and Chicago sales limited only by the capacity of the works, and Eastern siles so numerous and so large as to raise the price 25 cents, there is a domand for finished troducts which includes at Philasolphia 1500 tons of plates for export to South America, 3,000 tons of the converse of the late Colvin S. Brice is said to have carried \$50,000 insurance on his life.

A posteffice has been established at Owens, Kay county, O. T., and Charles O. Howe appointed postmaster.

An oyster famine is threatened in Baltimore, if the for does not lift and let in steamers and sailing vessels.

New Year ceremonics have been abandance of amiliar of market of respective at the story of the works there is and wire rade and the works there is a continuous and pittsburg and 8000 tons for care builders at Chicago, all the works there is a continuous and pittsburg and sood tons for care builders at Chicago, all the works there is a continuous and wire rade and so the works there is a continuous and wire rade and so the works there is a continuous and wire rade and so the works there is a continuous and wire rade and so the works there is a continuous and wire rade and an account of the works there is a continuous and wire rade and an account of the works there is a continuous and wire rade and the works there is a continuous and account of the works are contributed to be a continuous and account of the works and so the contribute of a market of the contribute of a market of cago, where works are crowded \$0.00 tons of structural work at the East, allow appointed postmanter.

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CONCESSIONS IN COLONIES. secretary Alger Orders That None Be

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.-The following

order has been sent by the secretary of war to the commanding officers in Cuba. Porto Rico and the Philippines: "Until otherwise ordered, no grant or sions of public or corporate right-

"Until otherwise ordered, no grant or concessions of public or concessions of public or corporate rights or franchies for the construction of public or quasi public works, such as railroads, tramways, telegraph and telephone lines, water works, gas works, electric light lines, etc., shall be made by any municipal or other local governmental authority or body in Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines except upon the approval of the major general commanding the military force of the United States in Cuba, Porto Rico or the Philippines, who shall, before approving any such grant or concession, he specially authorized by the secretary of war.

Information has reached the administration that the local governments of cities and large towns in Cuba and Porto Rico are constantly being besleged by cadualists and promoters with a view to securing valuable railroad and other franchises and concessions at figures below their value. The matter was discussed at to-days cabinet meeting, and Secretary Alger's instructions were the result. Since the close of the war numerous schemes to source the monopoly of street lighting street railroads, etc., have been started on the assumption that when the United States took the control of affairs large sums of money would seek investment there and that fortunes could be easily be made. The local governments, it is suit, have been disposed to grant these monopolies very freely upon the payment down of a considerable sum, but from this time forward each case will be carefully scrutinized and all wild cat schemes will be promptly versed.

HOT CHASE AFTER ROBBERS.

Two Pursuers Shot and One of the Robbers Swims the Mohawk Amid Plenting Ice.

UTICA, N. Y., Ise. 22.—Two men were seen entering the barn on the farm of Mrs. Markaret Brown, near Cassville, last seen entering the bath on the farm of Mrs. Markaret Brown, near Cassville last in judging, we are called upon to meet night. Mrs. Brown's son and a farm hand named Mooney hailed the men, who fired States fast now than will confroit our specifies africally which are so numerous as to deserve special mention.

In this front trade no signs of lagging interest are to be discertned, but, tather, there is more pronounced activity in new directions. The feature of the week has undoubtedly been the reported placing of an order for \$6,000 tons of steel rails with an Fastern rail mill, to go to Siberia, All the strength of prices is maintained, and in some lines, notably billets, wire roas, plates and bars, further advances are to be reported, I many lines, the country's production seems to be heavily sold ahead, and the atmost confidence is expressed as to present valued being maintained or still further increased. In other metals, too, a sympathetic rise is to be discerned.

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RECEPTION TENDERED TO COL. BRYAN AT LINCOLN.

EXPLAINS WHY HE RESIGNED

SAYS HE LEFT THE ARMY IN ORDER TO TAKE PART IN A FIGHT,

Declares That the Issues on Which He Was Whipped in 1856 Vcc Still Alive-Says President Mckinley Misinterprets Public Sentiment.

LINCOLN, NEB., Dec. 21-Colonel W. J. Bryan returned to Lincoln this afternoon and to-night a reception was tendered hat the Oliver theater by the Woma Rimetallic Learne. The house was crowed, and Colonel Bryan received an evall He was introduced by Governor Holcom) who formally welcomed him home, an complimented him for his patriciism in e sting in the army.

After thanking his neighbors for their bordial welcome, and complimenting the members of his regiment, and Colonel Vicionin, in whose charge he left them,

If had five months of peace in the nd resigned in order to take a part in night. I am as much interested in people of the United States as I am in

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ombers of his regiment, and Colonel regiment, in whose charge he left them, loved Bryan justified his resignation as F. G. Smith,

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in defiance of law are more mereliess than Wyler was, and the new trust—the paper money of the nation—is a greater meaney to the nation—is a greater meaney to the country's welfare than any five new questions within the mean of mendal attention, because congress is taked to act upon them at once. The president recommends that the regular army be permanently increased to large men. This question must be not only or not at all.

Mr. Britan sand that the president has misinterpreted the sentiment of the people. They are opposed to giving the Philippine Islands back to Spain, but they have not as yet declared in favor of embarking upon a colonial policy. So great a change, the said, could not be undertaken without the people had yet given to the subject.

The principal part of Mr. Bryan's speech was devoted to the Philippine question. In this connection he referred to President and McKinley's inquiry. Who will hail down the flag' and replied:

The flag is a national will, it is made to the intimous will, it is made at the flag' and replied:

WAR KEPT PEACE IN FAMILY.

Since it is over, However, the Head of the House Takes Trolley Rides.

Since it is over, However, the Head of the House Takes Trolley Rides.

The The flag was raised upon Canadia down when peace was restored, The man was standing on the wharf at a point where he could see into the non-pellurid down when peace was restored, the gas planted upon Chapatiepee during the war with McMo, and it was hailed down when peace was restored, the gas planted upon Chapatiepee during the war with McMo, and it was hailed down when peace was restored, the gas planted upon Chapatiepee during the war with McMo, and it was hailed down when peace was restored, the gas planted upon Chapatiepee during the war with McMo, and it was hailed down when the war was over. The mean was standing on the wharf at a point where he could see into the non-pellurid depths of the Potomac about two lacks. He was gazing down just as in-

From the New York World.

In the town of Jollet, Hi., Miss Alta Sage was married on Wednesday night to William Martens, a local fermer. The bride is a grandniece of Russell Sage and daughter of the man about two years are succeeded in herrowing \$10 from the ansat than acter and only by a bairbreadth saved his home from loss by forcelesure in action taken for the recovery of the money with interest.

Mr. Sage was asked lost night whether he had contributed anything to the list

formal opening of negotiations to secure the desired amendment of the Clayton-